## GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Office of the Inspector General

Inspector General



March 21, 2006

The Honorable Anthony A. Williams
Mayor
District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Mayor's Correspondence Unit, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Suite 221
Washington, D.C. 20004

## RE: SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REPORT

Dear Mayor Williams:

This report is to inform you of the results of an investigation that was conducted by Special Agent Bryan D. Chase, D.C. Office of the Inspector General (OIG), concerning Lorelle Dance, a former business manager employed at D.C. Public Schools (DCPS).

This investigation revealed that Dance, who for years handled contracting duties for several D.C. elementary schools, steered work to two Maryland companies owned by former contractor Charles Wiggins. Dance used the District government-issued credit card to purchase more than \$360,000 in work from Wiggins. In exchange, Dance received nearly \$40,000 from 2001 to 2003. In many instances the companies were paid even though they never performed the work.

Wiggins pled guilty in federal court in the District in January 2006 and faces up to 15 years in prison. On February 21, 2006, Dance was indicted in federal court in the District and faces up to 15 years for a conspiracy charge and five years for bribery.

If you need additional information, please call me or Victoria Lucchesi, Deputy General Counsel/Acting Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, on (202) 727-1039. When calling, please reference OIG Control Number 2003-0345.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Willonghby

Inspector General

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